REGULAR MEETING OF THE MISHAWAKA COMMON COUNCIL

February 17, 2025

Be it remembered that the Common Council of the City of Mishawaka, Indiana met in the Council Chambers of the New Mishawaka City Hall and via telephone on Monday February 17, 2025, at 6:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Council President Gregg Hixenbaugh. All were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending virtually do so by WebEx. Public that attends can participate by WebEx or observe meetings by YouTube or Facebook live. The Council meetings are also streamed live on Michiana Access on Comcast/AT&T U-verse Channel 99.

City Clerk Debbie Ladyga-Block called the roll.

Present: Mrs. Hazen (P), Mrs. Voelker (A), Mr. Carroll (P), Mr. Banicki (P), Mr. Emmons (P), Ms. Hahn (P), Mr. Mammolenti (E), Mr. Violi (P), Mr. Hixenbaugh (P)
P: Present E: Electronically Participating A: Absent

Also Present: Mike Trippel, Council Attorney

Mr. Hixenbaugh stated the record would reflect that in light of Mr. Mammolenti's participation remotely, there would be all roll call votes that evening.

Minutes for the Regular Meeting on February 3, 2025, were approved as received from the Clerk's Office.

Clerk Block read a letter from the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding their recommendation from their February 11, 2025 meeting.

Clerk Block read the following resolutions by title and opened the public hearing.

RESOLUTION R2025-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING FUND PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 5-1-14-14 AUTHORIZING A DOWNTOWN FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM UNDER SUCH REVOLVING FUND AND CERTAIN RELATED MATTERS
Establishing Revolving Fund for Downtown Forgivable Loan Program

Ken Prince, Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Mishawaka, spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-03**. Mr. Prince stated he was pleased to present a program for them that evening that would have a profound and positive impact on the downtown. Mr. Prince stated they went through a process of asking the Council, their appointed boards, and their elected officials all about what the priorities should be for the city moving forward and the most common answer was improvements to the historic downtown in Mishawaka. Mr. Prince stated based on that, they previously had a low interest loan program in the city that had not been used for about 10 years and the reason for that was that the interest rate that was charged at that time was not appreciably different than what you could get at a bank, so there was really no advantage of working through the city at that point in time. Mr. Prince stated moving forward to create the loan program, they reached out to their special counsel for the Redevelopment Commission regarding guidance on how it should be structured and what they recommended was that it be done through EDIT funds rather than through TIF funds. Mr. Prince stated there were different regulations per state statute on how you could fund programs and the creation of a renewable loan program that would have been through TIF would require another community development corporation to be created and another board to oversee it. Mr. Prince stated funding for the initial round of loans they were requesting was the $500,000 that was used at that time for the COVID loan program. Mr. Prince stated as they recalled, they used TIF and refunded TIF into EDIT and those EDIT funds were then used to provide the funding for the loan program. Mr. Prince stated those funds had been repaid and they had those funds available for this particular program. Mr. Prince stated since this program was forgivable and not going to come back, this meant that it was finite. Mr. Prince stated to summarize the program more specifically, it was broken down to three areas being the historic downtown blocks to the east of city hall, north of city hall, and south of city hall, the first source block which would be treated differently than the rest of C-3 zoned property since it was a significant area in the downtown, and they also included a small area of the west end. Mr. Prince stated regarding the details of the fund; this would be a matching grant fund for a forgivable loan up to $50,000 for Hardscape Construction with a minimum of a $5,000 project for those funds. Mr. Prince stated the general goal of the program was to reduce commercial blight despair, create distinctive character sense of place improvements, honor and promote existing outstanding and notable historic structures, increase commercial activity, increase the diversity of residential housing units, promote unique individual local stores, promote restaurants, eateries, coffee shops, and other things that provided something to do. Mr. Prince stated in terms of the program, the program had to be oriented to direct the funding, and they could not have the funding just open to everything and they had to define the characteristics they were looking for and then look to put the money into those characteristics specifically. Mr. Prince stated one of the first things they did was identify the areas that were secluded from receiving the forgivable grant loan funding, so if the properties had received TIF funds in the last 15 years, they would be excluded and if they received a tax abatement in the last 15 years they would be excluded. Mr. Prince stated the primary reason for those two exclusions was because they had already received the incentive from the city, and they were not going to duplicate that. Mr. Prince stated they would only provide the funding to commercial buildings or commercial buildings with first floor commercial uses and upper-level residential uses. Mr. Prince stated they had significant numbers of properties that were solely residential downtown, and they did not want to provide funding for those properties. Mr. Prince stated properties that were owned by government entities, quasi government entities, receiving tax dollars, not-for-profit entities, and religious institutions were all excluded from receiving funding. Mr. Prince stated after the December 17th meeting, they added language that provided loans for material only that were less than $2,000 and for those specific entities, if the improvements were requested by the city as part of the implementation of a larger streetscape initiative. Mr. Prince stated grants would be limited by property parcel and not by address and the loans would be limited to one loan per parcel based on the time periods that were given, that way the funds would be distributed in the most impactful way. Mr. Prince stated project types that would be excluded from the forgivable loan program were things involving deferred maintenance or things consistently changing like signage, painting (except as part of a complete façade change), HVAC, or water replacement as well as no wiring, electrical, roofing, repair of canopies, repair of rotting wood, and tuckpointing masonry. Mr. Prince stated as it would work, there would be an application process through the Redevelopment Commission, and they would have a little bit of discretionary authority but specifically they had written it so there was not a lot of discretion involved and he used the example that if you had a Mexican restaurant that wanted to locate, it was not up to the Redevelopment Commission to determine but they had enough Mexican restaurants and they did not need another and that was not the purpose of it. Mr. Prince stated they would be looking at if certain equipment or materials would be included or not included in the program and act on it accordingly. Mr. Prince stated another aspect to the program was that no city funding would be provided for the projects until the end of the project, so the potential applicant would apply to the Redevelopment Commission, the Redevelopment Commission would approve their request which would initiate the loan, but no payment would be received until all of the improvements were complete. Mr. Prince stated this measure would be taken so that the city was not put in the middle of making sure that the improvements were completed, and they were also so they were not looking for collections if they provided funding upfront and those improvements were not completed, and they tried to retrieve those funds back. Mr. Prince stated the terms of the loan varied based on the time it took to complete the improvements. Mr. Prince stated for example, if a loan happened and they only completed half of the improvements, they very specifically stated in the program that they would not receive funding and they needed to know that going in. Mr. Prince stated if they did not meet the grace period, they would cancel the forgivable loan and they would not receive the funding on the other end, so this put the onus on the applicant to complete the project to receive the designated funding. Mr. Prince stated lastly, the only thing that they requested was that the loans would be limited only to the property owners. Mr. Prince stated obviously they had a lot of restaurants downtown where it was a rental situation and they loved those restaurants and would love to see them apply but those applications had to be worked through the owner of the property to ensure that the funds would be used appropriately given that the property owner would be the one responsible for the building. Mr. Prince stated if work was going to be hired out, they would have to be providing multiple quotes and they did not want anything to protect the city's investment and they wanted to make sure the process was competitive and they did not get one quote and that quote was astronomical, so it would put onus on the applicant to provide multiple quotes. Mr. Prince stated if work was being performed by the owner, the only thing eligible for reimbursement would be material costs, so they would not be paying the owner for their own labor and doing a project. Mr. Prince stated another element would be if it were a restaurant, café, bar, or entertainment venue, they must sign the application committing to the municipal riverfront development project area liquor license eligibility requirements. Mr. Prince stated those would specifically require no smoking and closing at 1AM because nothing good seemed to happen after 1AM and they wanted them to all follow those same restrictions. Mr. Prince stated any owner that had an existing establishment that went beyond that, they were welcome to continue that and they did not have a problem with that but what they did have a problem with was putting money into a venue where they would have trouble particularly late at night. Mr. Prince stated this would cover use changes, fire suppression, building code life improvements, life safety improvements, exterior facade improvements, window replacement, and restoration for upper floors, grease interceptors for new restaurants, and grease interceptor upgrades for existing restaurants. Mr. Prince stated he was not reading the match amounts but there were different match amounts based on the location. Mr. Prince stated for example, it was harder to replace a grease interceptor financially when you were doing it to an existing restaurant, so the reimbursements were actually higher for existing restaurants then it was for a new restaurant but the new restaurant would be at 50% and in the historic core outstanding notable area, that would be 75% they would look to cover the cost because that was a benefit to the city in keeping that grease out of their system which was already being generated by the restaurant. Mr. Prince stated interior remodels for the restaurants, permanent outside seating, and streetscape landscaping, new permanent façade lighting, decorative façade lighting, murals, and publicly displayed art would also be covered and one thing that South Bend did very well was they partnered with a group of mural artists and all they had to do was provide the paint and the mural artists did a lot of the murals you saw in downtown South Bend. Mr. Prince stated that went back to the $2,000 provision where they would be willing to provide materials for a variety of establishments and 100% of the material cost would be covered by the city for that type of project and storefront window enhancements were also identified. Mr. Prince stated he was happy to answer any questions.

Ms. Hahn asked Mr. Prince if he could elaborate on the term 'match' that he used in his presentation and if that meant the individual business owner had to come with their own $5,000 before they asked for $5,000. Mr. Prince stated that was correct and, for example, grease interceptors for new restaurants would be a 50% match so hypothetically if the grease interceptor costed $30,000, they would have to front the $30,000 upfront and they could be potentially reimbursed $15,000 of that $30,000 based on the 50% match. Ms. Hahn asked if he had a designated person in his office or who was working within this to go over the applications and to grant applications to facilitate the process. Mr. Prince stated they currently did not and as she was aware, the Council funded an additional position in his department specifically to be able to do that work and they did go through an advertising process and had not found anyone suitable for the job requirements, so they did do a number of interviews and they were great people but they just were not the right fit for the program. Mr. Prince stated their hope at that time would be to hire a recent college graduate and they were working with Human Resources to post the job at Ball State University and Indiana University to try to draw some interest in the position from students who were graduating in May. Ms. Hahn asked once they got that person in place and the applications started flowing, how long he thought the application process was going to be from the time they filled it out to the time they were approved. Mr. Prince stated the issue was likely going to be the completeness of the application, so his guess was that people would come in that did not have the multiple quotes needed to be obtained but if they had all of the information in place, the Redevelopment Commission met once a month and he imagined it would be less than 30 days based on a complete application to know if they had approval or did not have approval. Ms. Hahn thanked Mr. Prince for his time and also for including the West End in this.

Mr. Hixenbaugh stated Mr. Prince did very well in terms of his presentation and perhaps more with regard to the proposed resolution and the underlying document. Mr. Hixenbaugh stated he suspected he would agree with him that they already made a significant number of direct and indirect investments in downtown Mishawka and other areas of Mishawaka, but he did not think that as their finances allowed them to they could do too much to try to make the core of their downtown area everything that it could be and it was important to all of the Council. Mr. Hixenbaugh appreciated his work on the document and also appreciated the fact that from the time the concept was first discussed, it had evolved and there had been changes made not only as a result of the meeting and the inclusion of the West End, which he thought was a great suggestion and he appreciated he and Mayor Wood taking that to heart, but also the other changes that he had made as things had gone along. Mr. Hixenbaugh stated he was really excited to see how it would play out as they moved forward and thanked Mr. Prince once again. Mr. Prince thanked Mr. Hixenbaugh and stated he failed to mention that they believed this was going to take a few years for somebody to come up with a project, get the quotes, and get it submitted so their thought was the funding would likely last a few years. Mr. Prince stated they had been contacted by a few downtown business owners but there was still significant opportunity for funds and different opportunities as they became available. Mr. Hixenbaugh stated that was a fair point and personally he viewed it as a problem of success if it went quickly and that would not be a bad thing at the end of the day. Mr. Hixenbaugh thanked Mr. Prince for the work he and everyone else did.

Mr. Violi asked if this would be something they could renew or if the funding was just set at $500,000 for now and then they would see how it went. Mr. Prince stated the challenge was going to be coming up with the funding so definitively they would have the opportunity, but it would be playing against what they used to fund fire trucks and police cars and many other infrastructure needs because they were EDIT funds. Mr. Prince stated they just had the opportunity, because of the way the COVID loan program was funded to make that switch. Mr. Violi asked if it would not be recurring. Mr. Prince stated if it was incredibly successful, that would be the Council’s prerogative to fund but they would have to see how well the program does and then place the priority accordingly. Mr. Violi asked if the program would be on a first come, first serve basis. Mr. Prince stated yes.

Mayor Dave Wood spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-03**. Mayor Wood stated the work on this had really gone back several years as far as conceptual thinking and exploring what other communities did was concerned. Mayor Wood stated the research involved had gone on for quite a while and there was a need based on the fact that this impacted people in big ways with building investments and all of a sudden, they ran into a roadblock and let them know that they did not anticipate it. Mayor Wood stated as their downtown continued to grow and thrive, they had the newer and bigger developer sections, and they always thought that the downtown would be a great opportunity for more of the homegrown businesses to start in the older buildings where they might be a little more affordable. Mayor Wood stated for example, just to give the Council an example of how individuals were impacted, a young couple from the area with strong roots in Mishawaka saw an opportunity to buy the Skylar Rose building so they purchased it and had some thoughts about what they may have wanted to do with it and it drew some interest from people who may have wanted to rent it and all of the sudden, since it was an old building, they had to bring it up to modern code and before they knew it they had to install things like a fire escape or fire suppression within the building or grease traps and these things could cost thousands of dollars. Mayor Wood stated that there was a barrier to entry and so they wanted to not only capitalize on some of the excitement but also, they wanted to promote their existing historic downtown and save some of the older buildings and bring them into a condition where they could serve in a modern way with the current needs of their downtown. Mayor Wood stated they believed it to be the biggest program of its kind in Indiana as they had looked at others that were not quite as big as this, but it was tailor made to Mishawaka and in particular, the historic part of downtown and the West End. Mayor Wood gave a big shoutout to Ken Prince because he was incredibly thorough on this, as he was all of his other work, but he did an outstanding job of putting together all of the details for this and their hope was that it succeeded wildly, investment occurred in some of the older buildings as a result, and from that they saw the need to potentially expand the program and reach a new level of funding or expand the program into other older areas of Mishawaka as well. Mayor Wood stated he was very excited about it and hoped it would be well received, and he encouraged the Council for their support.

Mrs. Hazen asked if they had any plans on letting the Council know quarterly what kind of interest the program had and stated she was very interested in the program and was excited about it as well. Mayor Wood stated he could not imagine having any problem with that early, but it was going to take a while to catch but once it did, they would certainly update the Council, and this would be approved through the Redevelopment Commission for what they could see. Mr. Prince approached the podium and stated every agenda before a loan was implemented, it had to go through the Redevelopment Commission, and they would see it before it was approved.

Question was called for at 6:28PM for **RESOLUTION R2025-03 Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 8).**
Yes: Mrs. Hazen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Banicki, Mr. Emmons, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Mammolenti, Mr. Violi, Mr. Hixenbaugh. The resolution passed 8-0.

RESOLUTION R2025-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, APPROVING A PETITION OF THE MISHAWAKA BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1015 W EDISON ROAD, MISHAWAKA, INDIANA
Use Variance to allow tattooing – 1015 W. Edison Rd.

Haley Korpal, 1255 Amelia Street Apartment 1010 Granger, IN 46530, spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-04**. Mrs. Korpal stated she had owned the Body Art Gallery in Town and Country for the past 19 and a half years and she was looking to relocate her business to 1015 W Edison Road.

Ms. Hahn congratulated Mrs. Korpal on 19 years of running her business and she was familiar with where she was at. Ms. Hahn asked in her new location, if she would be expanding any of her services or if it was going to be very similar to what she was already doing. Mrs. Korpal stated at that point in time, she did not want to make it an issue, but she was being forced out in a sort of way, so she had the opportunity to rent the new building, which was significantly bigger than what she was currently occupying. Mrs. Korpal stated she grew up into the business she had, and she had intentions to grow into an even bigger business, so there may be things she brings in along the way but as for right now, she would be just going to run the same business in a new location. Ms. Hahn stated she was sure she would do well. Mrs. Korpal thanked Ms. Hahn.

Mr. Hixenbaugh stated he was fortunate enough to be on the Council in 2006 when they approved her use variance the first time and he had not heard anything in the intervening years to lead him to believe that that was a bad decision, and he was happy she was interested in continuing to be located in Mishawaka and he wished her well. Mrs. Korpal thanked Mr. Hixenbaugh.

Question was called for at 6:31PM for **RESOLUTION R2025-04 Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 8).**
Yes: Mrs. Hazen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Banicki, Mr. Emmons, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Mammolenti, Mr. Violi, Mr. Hixenbaugh. The resolution passed 8-0.

RESOLUTION R2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO LEASE WITH OPTION TO PURCHASE MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF MISHAWAKA MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 5, DIVISION 3, SEC. 2-492 & 493
Authorizing Leasing with Option to purchase City Property – 400 block of East 10th Street

John Roggeman, Corporation Counsel for the City of Mishawaka, spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-05**. Mr. Roggeman stated it had been a little bit of a trip to get this matter all finished, but they were at the stage now where they were ready. Mr. Roggeman stated they would be leasing a portion of property where Central Services was located, and this portion was an unused piece of ground there and the library wished to use it to build some storage units there. Mr. Roggeman stated the lease was with an option to purchase with the original term being 10 years, but it could be renewed as well if they did not want to purchase it. Mr. Roggeman stated with them tonight was Dick Currey, the attorney for the library board as well as representatives from the library who were present. Mr. Roggeman thanked them all for their patience and efforts in working through the project and he thanked Ken Prince as well. Mr. Roggeman stated they were requesting the Council's approval, and it had already been approved by the library board and then it would go to the Redevelopment Commission next week for final approval if the Council were to pass it.

Mayor Dave Wood spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-05**. Mayor Wood stated he was going to give a little bit of historic context from where this came from. Mayor Wood stated discussions on this matter had been ongoing for years now and they began many years ago when they were looking at the time to create a funding source dedicated for the 911 Communications Center and in doing so, it required a bit of a tax restructuring throughout the county and everybody had to take a bit of a pay cut including the library who graciously supported that in recognition of the critical services the 911 Communications Center provided. Mayor Wood stated they then started talking about how they might partner and listened to their needs at the time and it was for an attractive shed or garage and where that could be with it still being close to the library downtown. Mayor Wood stated they had bought some property back in the early 2010s that was the former Scott Brass property, and they converted it into their Central Services facility. Mayor Wood stated it came with a residual piece of property along 10th Street and so they owned it, they mowed it, and they wanted good use for it, but they did not have a particular need for it before this came about. Mayor Wood stated they wanted it to fit in with the neighborhood and so they brainstormed this and worked through all of the necessary details and now they were in the final voting process. Mayor Wood encouraged the Council to support the matter in recognition of the good partners that they had at the library and again, this got started when they were looking to find a new funding source for the 911 Communications Center.

Ken Prince, Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Mishawaka, spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-05**. Mr. Prince stated the resolution before them only authorized the sale or lease and the actual lease agreement would be approved by the Redevelopment Commission the following week and they wanted in terms of progress that once it was approved by the Redevelopment Commission, the property needed to be rezoned to I-1 Light Industrial and they wanted this to happen first before they would submit that for rezoning. Mr. Prince stated that it was to come as they brought things forward and they wanted to make sure they were all aware of that. Mr. Prince stated they thought it would be a great transitional use with very low intensity and the concept of it being brought into the Central Services facility was similar to School City who used the gas pumps, and they would go in through the main gate and they would be refenced off while still providing them with continual access to 10th Street. Mr. Prince stated he was happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Violi asked if it was on the corner of 10th Street and Union. Mr. Prince stated no and there was a fenced business, then an auto business, then a driveway that went back to Central Services that was gated that was not typically used, and then there was an empty lot, and then there was the Housing Authority property.

Mrs. Hazen stated she understood that currently it was zoned R-1 and then it needed to be rezoned and asked if at that point if they would notify the neighbors in the neighborhood. Mr. Prince stated that was correct.

Mr. Emmons asked if this would just be a block building. Mr. Prince stated yes, it would be a metal storage building. Mr. Prince stated this type of building would match the auto repair building as well as the building Central Services was located in. Mr. Prince stated when talking about the intensity of the use, with Central Services you think of the salt truck and the fueling and how often the library would be accessing it and using it for storage would be a very minute activity relative to the neighborhood. Mr. Prince stated when you thought about access, even though they were keeping the drive to 10th Street, they were going to be accessing it through their main drive off 8th Street so that intersection was going to be where they were going to get access and coming into the property. Mr. Prince stated they would be generating no traffic off of 10th Street with this use compared to any other use that it might be used for in the future. Mr. Emmons stated he asked the question, because he figured the building would be a complementary to the neighborhood. Mr. Prince stated Mr. Kromkowski from DLZ was the designer of the building and was there that evening and he was sure he could better answer any questions there were regarding the design of the building.

Mrs. Hazen asked if the drive that was referenced earlier was ever used or if it was very rarely used and by them putting up this building, would it not be used anymore at all and they were going to come off Union and if that was correct. Mr. Prince stated that was correct and from a safety standpoint, if anything ever blocked the main entrance to Union Street, they wanted the ability to get out, so it was important to keep the access from an emergency access standpoint but to answer her questions, they did not typically use it and did not anticipate using it following the construction of the building.

Dick Currey, attorney for the Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Library Board of Trustees, spoke in favor of **RESOLUTION R2025-05**. Mr. Currey thanked John Roggeman, Mayor Wood, and Mr. Prince for covering a majority of what he planned on presenting to the Council so his remarks would be fairly brief. Mr. Currey stated in response to one of Mr. Emmons' questions, this would be landscape that was part of the plans that needed to be approved before construction could begin and there was a rendering as Exhibit B to the proposed lease which he thought all of the Council had received. Mr. Currey stated the primary purpose of that was to provide additional storage for the library, particularly a new bookmobile that had been ordered and was in the process of being constructed for delivery later in 2025 so that they could serve housebound patrons of the library. Mr. Currey stated the initial term of the lease was for 10 years with four 10-year renewal options during any of which the library could exercise its option to purchase at the end of the first 10-year period. Mr. Currey stated the city also had the option to force the library into a purchase at which time they would need to have a minor subdivision, because it was two lots in a parcel of another.

Donna Meeks, Mishawaka-Penn-Harris Library Director, spoke in favor **of RESOLUTION R20254-05**. Mrs. Meeks thanked all of the Council, because his had been years in the making and from the Board of Trustees to every staff member, they were so excited because they all gave them $50,000 toward the bookmobile and it had been purchased and now, they needed a place to park it. Mrs. Meeks stated this would change lives and they had identified several underserved areas, as not everyone could get to the library, but everyone needed books. Mrs. Meeks stated this was going to allow them to hit the low-income families that did not come in aa well as for their senior centers as this would allow them to have a library card instead of just being dropped a box of books and they were going to be able to actually shop. Mrs. Meeks stated this was life changing and she just wanted to make that known to the Council and thanked all of them. Mr. Hixenbaugh stated he recalled having multiple conversations with her about the adjustment to the option income tax and she was very diplomatic in her advocacy on behalf of the library, so he was happy when they were able to partner with them out of their ARPA funding for the bookmobile and he was also pleased that they were able to partner with her in another different way. Mr. Hixenbaugh thanked Mrs. Meeks.

Question was called for at 6:45PM for **RESOLUTION R2025-05 Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 8).**
Yes: Mrs. Hazen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Banicki, Mr. Emmons, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Mammolenti, Mr. Violi, Mr. Hixenbaugh. The resolution passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment to Mishawaka Fire Merit Commission

Mr. Hixenbaugh stated the chair entertained a motion to postpone indefinitely the making of their appointment to the Mishawaka Fire Merit Commission. Mr. Banicki moved the motion and with a second from Mr. Violi, Clerk Block held a roll call vote on the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 8).
Yes: Mrs. Hazen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Banicki, Mr. Emmons, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Mammolenti, Mr. Violi, Mr. Hixenbaugh. The motion passed 8-0 and the matter was postponed indefinitely.

Acceptance of Conflict-of-Interest forms

Clerk Block read that they had Conflict-of-Interest forms from the following councilmembers:

Dale “Woody” Emmons
Matt Carroll
Lou Ann Hazen
Tony Violi
Gregg Hixenbaugh
Matt Mammolenti

Mr. Hixenbaugh stated the chair entertained a motion to accept the Conflict-of-Interest forms from those councilmembers whose names were just read by Clerk Block. The motion was moved by Mr. Banicki and with a second from Mr. Emmons, Clerk Block held a roll call vote on the motion.

Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 8).
Yes: Mrs. Hazen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Banicki, Mr. Emmons, Ms. Hahn, Mr. Mammolenti, Mr. Violi, Mr. Hixenbaugh. The motion passed 8-0 and the forms were accepted.

Mr. Emmons made a reminder that the 1st District would be holding their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 20th at St. Bavo's at 7PM. Mr. Emmons stated they would have the Youth Service Bureau there represented by Christina McGovern and she would be explaining the services that they offered. Mr. Emmons stated all were welcome and, as usual, there would be refreshments provided from the West End Bakery.

Mr. Mammolenti made a reminder that the Twin Branch Neighborhood Watch would be meeting on Wednesday, February 19th at 7PM at Fire Station #4 off of Harrison Road. Mr. Mammolenti stated their guest speaker would be Alan Grzeskowiak, the Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission and he would be talking about his roles and responsibilities of the Commission. Mr. Mammolenti stated all were welcome.

ADJOURNMENT 6:49PM

Deborah S. Block /s/	Gregg A. Hixenbaugh /s/
Deborah S. Block, IAMC, MMC, City Clerk	Gregg A. Hixenbaugh, President

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